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CASE A-21884/A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
DAVID GEORGE LEPPARD ET AL

Group Art Unit: Not Yet

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 99/08968

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
ACYLPHOSPHINES, ACYL OXIDES AND
ACYL SULFIDES

U.S. APPLICATION NO: Not Yet Assigned

35 USC 371 DATE: Not Yet Granted

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants present the instant Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in order to place the instant application in better condition for examination.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.